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Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### Emergency Alert System National Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following advisory committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Committee.

*Subject:* Emergency Alert System.

*Date of Meeting:* January 27, 1998.

*Time of Meeting:* 9 am.

*Place:* National Association of Broadcasters, 1771 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036-2891.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bonnie Gay, Emergency Alert System Staff, Stop Code 1500B1, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554 (phone: 202-418-1228)(fax: 202-418-2817).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1994, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to replace the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS). EAS uses various communications technologies, such as broadcast stations and cable systems, to alert the public regarding national, state and local emergencies. At the same time, the FCC added a new part 11 to its rules containing EAS regulations. 47 CFR part 11. The National Advisory Committee (NAC) was established to assist the FCC administer EAS. Its first meeting will be held on January 27, 1998, in Washington, DC, and the

general topic will be emergency communication matters relating to EAS.

### Summary of Proposed Agenda

- Orientation.
- Remarks by FCC Chairman and/or FCC Defense Commissioner.
- Presentations by the National Weather Service and Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Review of issues and FCC actions/items concerning EAS.
- Updates on state and local EAS plans.
- EAS working groups.
- Future EAS requirements and NAC recommendations to FCC.
- Other Business.
- Adjournment.

### Administrative Matters

Attendance at the NAC meeting is open to the interested public, but limited to space availability. Members of the general public may file a written statement with the FCC at the above contact address before or after the meeting. Members of the public wishing to make an oral statement during the meeting must consult with the NAC at the above FCC contact address prior to the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be available after the meeting at the above contact address.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Request for Public Comments Regarding Extensions to Existing OMB Clearances

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The FMC is preparing submissions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for continued approval of the following information collections (extensions with no changes) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35): OMB No. 3072-0055 (Tariffs and Service Contracts); OMB No. 3072-0045 (Agreements); and OMB No. 3072-0001 (Admission to Practice). Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval and will become a matter of public record.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Edward P. Walsh, Managing Director, Federal

Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5800).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Send requests for copies of the current OMB clearances to: George D. Bowers, Director Office of Information Resources Management, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20573, (Telephone: (202) 523-5834).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Approval Number:* 3072-0055  
*Expires:* May 31, 1998.

*Abstract:* Section 8 of the Shipping Act of 1984 requires common carriers and conferences of such common carriers to file with the Commission and keep open for public inspection, tariffs showing all rates, charges, classifications, rules and practices for transportation of cargo between the U.S. and foreign ports. Section 8(c) of the Act also provides for the filing of service contracts and statements of the contracts' essential terms with the Commission. 46 CFR 514 establishes the requirements, format and user charges for the electronic publication, filing and retrieval of tariffs, as well as service contracts and their essential terms, covering the transportation of property performed by common carriers in the foreign commerce of the United States and by combinations of such common carriers, including through transportation offered in conjunction with one or more carriers not otherwise subject to the Shipping Act of 1984.

*Needs and Uses:* In order to effectively discharge its statutorily-assigned duties, the Commission uses filed tariff and service contract data for surveillance and investigatory purposes, and, in its proceedings, adjudicates related issues raised by private parties.

*Frequency:* The publishing and filing of tariffs and the filing of service contracts are not assigned a specific time frame by the Commission; they are submitted as circumstances warrant. That is, a common carrier or conference of such carriers can only charge its customers rates that are on file with the Commission. Rate increases must be filed on 30 days notice, while decreases can be filed to take effect on immediate notice.

*Type of Respondents:* Common carriers by water are persons who hold themselves out to the general public to provide transportation by water of cargo between the United States and a foreign country for compensation, who assume the responsibility for the transportation from origin to destination and use a vessel operating on the high seas or the Great Lakes between a U.S. port and a foreign country.